

# Food and Nutrition Services

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## New DESE, FNS 5-year AR Cycle

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On June 28, 2019, the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) approved DESE-FNS's request to allow the implementation of a **5-year Administrative Review (AR) Cycle**. This 5-year cycle will also include a risk assessment to assess the need for more frequent visits depending on the results of your previous AR. More detail on the risk assessment will be released in the near future. A list of Local Education Agencies (LEAs) that are scheduled to receive an AR in the 2019-2020 school year can be found [here](#).

DESE-FNS hopes to use this extra time to increase program compliance, provide more technical assistance, create more resources and improve training across the state.

The Procurement Reviews will remain on their current 6-year cycle, with LEAs that have a Food Service Management Company (FSMC) receiving a procurement review once every three years.

For more information from USDA on this new 5-year AR Cycle, see link below.

[State Waiver Administrative Review Request](#)

## USDA Farm to School Updates

USDA is working hard to continue funding for Farm to School implementation across the states. The Farm to School Network introduced to Congress a Farm to School Act of 2019, which demonstrates further support in the implementation of Farm to School across the states.  
-Check out the Farm to School 2019 Grant recipients [here](#).  
-Be on the lookout in October for

the release of the Farm to School Grant for 2020! USDA provides funds on a competitive basis. For more information about the grant and criteria for being selected, click [here](#)



**NATIONAL  
FARM to SCHOOL  
NETWORK**

# Farm to School Census

The last Farm to School census was in 2011/12 with results in 2015. To see those results, click [here](#). It is that time again for data to be collected across the nation to see who is implementing Farm to School practices at their schools and districts. We need your help!

tionnaire. 2015 Census results can be found on the National Farm to School Network website along with other great resources. As a thank you, everyone who completes the survey will be entered for a **GIVEAWAY!** We will be giving away a **Sunkist Sectionizer** to one lucky participant!

## How does the census work?

In September, the Authorized Representative and Food Service Director at each LEA will receive an email from DESE-FNS with a link to complete the ques-

## Be on the lookout in September!



## NEW! Online Training Webinars

Did you miss the summer workshops? Were you not able to attend all the sessions of interest? No problem! All topics will soon be available online! A new and easy way to meet your training hour requirements at DESE FNS webpage! Staff involved in the Child Nutrition Program can find training that is applicable to your role!

### Training topics include:

- Alternative Breakfast Models
- Offer vs. Serve
- Kitchen Records
- Meal Pattern
- Verification
- Food Allergies
- Essential Documents for Food Safety and Crediting
- Benefit Issuance
- Procurement 101

- Unscrambling USDA Foods
- Non-program Food Revenue Tool
- FSMC Contract Bidding Process
- Local/Unpaid Meal Charge Policy
- Common Corrective Actions
- How to Avoid Fiscal Action

The online Webinars will be available by mid-October.

# National School Lunch Week: October 14-18th

This year's NSLW's theme is "School Lunch: What's on Your Playlist?" This year's theme is to spotlight how today's school cafeterias are serving up the menu items that kids want to eat, including an increase in variety of foods offered and customization.



## Fun Fact:

Did you know that it was president John F. Kennedy that created the National School Lunch Week in 1962? It was started to promote the importance of a healthy school lunch in a child's life and the impact it has inside and outside of the classroom—Hope you agree this still holds true today!

To get started follow this link:

<https://schoolnutrition.org/meetings/events/nslw/2019/get-started/>



Does NSLW 2019 not fit in your school's schedule?

That's okay! You can still celebrate the week prior or after—you decide which week in October would be best for your school or district!

## 27th Annual MCSHC Conference— Highlights

**When: December 5-7, 2019**

**Where: Stoney Creek Hotel at 2601 S. Providence Road Columbia, MO 65203**

### Details

This year's Missouri Coordinated School Health Conference is held in Columbia, Missouri from December 5-7th, 2019 with a focus on "Whole School, Community, Child".

FNS will be presenting during the pre-conference on the topic of Farm to School. This class will provide a framework to help school districts make connections to farm to school

resources that help improve student's health. The approaches to be discussed are: local procurement, education, and school gardens.

A second topic that will be very applicable to Food and Nutrition Services is 'Don't Let the Wellness Policy Sit on the Shelf! Make it Count and Put it into Action' presented by Laura Beckmann, Director of Health, Physical Education and School Wellness. She will discuss USDA's expectations and requirements of a district's Local Wellness Policy, identify tools and resources to support

districts, and discuss how to make improvements to put the Local Wellness Policy into action at the school level.

For additional information, schedule, and to register: [Click Here](#)

**Register by November 4th!**

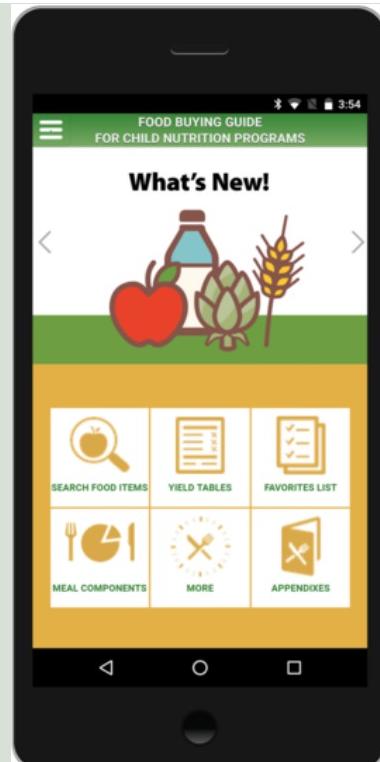


# Food Buying Guide

On August 12, 2019, FNS released the Exhibit A Grains Tool as a new feature on the FBG Mobile App on both Apple and Google app stores! The Exhibit A Grains Tool was first released on the FBG Interactive Web-Based Tool to allow users to search their grain product (as listed on Exhibit A) and enter in the serving size as listed on the product label.

The tool then determines:

- the ounce equivalent (oz. eq) grains or grains/bread serving(s) for the grain product
  - the amount of the grain product to serve to obtain a specific meal pattern contribution.



To download the app click here:  
[Food Buying Guide App](#)

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